

Curfew

Solemnly, mournfully,
Dealing its dole,
The Curfew Bell
Is beginning to toll.
Cover the embers,
And put out the light;
Toil comes with the morning,
And rest with the night.
Dark grow the windows,
And quenched is the fire;
Sound fades into silence,--
All footsteps retire.
No voice in the chambers,
No sound in the hall!
Sleep and oblivion
Reign over all!

II.

The book is completed,
And closed, like the day;
And the hand that has written it
Lays it away.
Dim grow its fancies;
Forgotten they lie;
Like coals in the ashes,
They darken and die.
Song sinks into silence,
The story is told,
The windows are darkened,
The hearth-stone is cold.
Darker and darker
The black shadows fall;
Sleep and oblivion
Reign over all.

CURFEW



Words by
Henry Longfellow

Music by
Julian Besset

Moderato ♩ = 60 ca.

Voice

Sol - emn - ly, mourn - ful - ly, —

Piano

mf *mp*

con Ped.

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Dea - ling its dole, The Cur - few ——— Bell

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Is be - gin - ning to toll.

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Co - ver the em - bers,

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And put out the light; Toil comes with the mor - ning,

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And rest with the night. Dark grow the win-dows, And quenched is the

23

fire;

Curfew

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Sound fades in-to si-lence,-

mf

30

All foot-steps re-tire. No voice in the cham-bers,

rit. *mp* *espress.*

34

No sound in the hall! Sleep and o - bli-vion

p *pp delicatamente* *mp*

38

The book is comple - ted,

42

And closed, like the day; And the hand that has writ-ten it

8^{va}

poco accel.

45

Buoyant ♩. = 70 ca.

Lays it a-way.

48

Pick up slightly ♩. = 50 ca.

f

51

Dim grow its fan-cies;

allargando poco a poco

Tempo P°

For - got - ten they lie; Like coals in the a - shes,

They dar - ken and die. Song sinks in-to

Mimetically slow ♩ = 30 ca.

legatissimo

si - lence,

Counter-energetically ♩ = 70 ca.

f

64

The sto-ry is told, The win-dows

Hang ♩ = 50 ca.

rit. *legg.* 6

67

are dar - kened,

71

The hearth-stone is cold.

allarg. *accel.* 5 *rit.* *p*

8va *8vb*

74

Dar-ker and dar-ker The black sha - dows

f *mp*

77

Very slow ♩ = 25 ca.

fall; Sleep and o - bli - vion Reign o - ver

mp *p* *pp*

80

As in a trance ♩ = 40 ca.

84

all. *ppp*

rit.